

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 GENEVA 12652 182145Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00
INRE-00 DOEE-00 /026 W
-----044754 182149Z /21
O 182133Z AUG 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3329
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

S E C R E T GENEVA 12652

EXDIS USCTB

PASS TO DOE

E.O.11652:YGDS-3
TAGS: PARM US UK UR
SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: NSS WORKING GROUP MEETING
AUGUST 17, 1978 -- AGREEMENT ON BRACKETED COMPOSITE TEXT
OF ARTICLE I OF SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT.

CTB MESSAGE NO.305

1. SUMMARY: AT THE NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS (NSS) WORK-
ING GROUP MEETING ON AUGUST 17, THE DELS DISCUSSED THE US
DRAFT COMPOSITE TEXT FOR ARTICLE I OF THE SEPARATE
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. AFTER SLIGHT REVISION OF THE
PROPOSED LANGUAGE, DELS AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON A COM-
POSITE TEXT WITH A FEW BRACKETS AND TWO FOOTNOTES. TEXT
SET FORTH IN SEPTEL. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IS
AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE REQUIRING THAT IMPROVED STATIONS BE
OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY AND THAT ALL THE DATA BE EXCHANGED.
THE OTHER DELS ALSO OFFERED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON OUR
REVISED ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE I OF

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 GENEVA 12652 182145Z

THE TECHNICAL ANNEX. END SUMMARY.

2. FINCH (US) OPENED THE AUGUST 17, 1978, MEETING OF THE
NSS WORKING GROUP BY REQUESTING FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE
US DRAFT COMPOSITE TEXT FOR ARTICLE I OF THE SEPARATE
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, TABLED AT THE AUGUST 16 NSS
WORKING GROUP MEETING (CTB NO.300). TARASOV (USSR) SAID

THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAD STUDIED THE DRAFT MORE CAREFULLY AND IN GREATER DETAIL, AND HE THEN BEGAN OFFERING COMMENTS, ON A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH BASIS, ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT. AFTER DISCUSSION AND A FEW CHANGES, THE DELS AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON A COMPOSITE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE. THIS TEXT INCLUDES A FEW BRACKETS AND TWO FOOTNOTES REFLECTING THE NEED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

3. THE FIRST FOOTNOTE REFLECTS THE QUESTION OF UK PARTICIPATION IN THE NSS DATA EXCHANGE. DELS AGREED TO USE THE WORD "PARTIES" IN THE TEXT, WITH A FOOTNOTE RESERVING POSITIONS REGARDING THE EXTENT OF UK PARTICIPATION. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY LATER.

4. THE SOVIET DEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS 3(A) AND 4, TOGETHER WITH THEIR QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF PARAGRAPH 3(B), SEEMS TO INDICATE THEIR READINESS TO ACQUIESCE IN OUR VIEW THAT THE TWO PHASES OF THE EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA SHOULD BE RELATED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL NSS, RATHER THAN BE DESCRIBED AS GENERAL STAGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

5. TARASOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET DEL WOULD WANT TO RETURN TO PARAGRAPH 3(B) AS THE TECHNICAL ANNEX IS PREPARED. HE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 GENEVA 12652 182145Z

NOTED THAT THE MEANING OF SUCH TERMS AS "AGREED SITE" AND "EQUIPMENT AS AGREED" WOULD DEPEND ON THE TECHNICAL ANNEX AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEX. THE DELS DECIDED TO EXPRESS THEIR SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON PARAGRAPH 3(B) BY LETTING THE US-DRAFTED LANGUAGE STAND AND PLACING THE SOVIET RESERVATION IN A FOOTNOTE INDICATING THE NEED TO RETURN TO THIS PARAGRAPH LATER.

6. PARAGRAPH 4 REFLECTS AGREEMENT AMONG THE DELS THAT EACH STATION WILL BE OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY DURING PHASE TWO, USING IMPROVED EQUIPMENT, AND THAT ALL THE DATA WILL BE EXCHANGED. THIS REPRESENTS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON NSS SO FAR IN THIS ROUND.

7. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, FINCH ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE US REVISED ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE I OF THE TECHNICAL ANNEX, TABLED AT THE AUGUST 16 NSS MEETING. TARASOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET DEL HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO STUDY THE NEW PARAGRAPH FULLY, BUT THAT MOST OF THE IDEAS EMBODIED IN IT SEEMED ACCEPTABLE. HE NOTED THE PROVISION REQUIRING THE IMPROVED SEISMIC EQUIPMENT TO BE

INSTALLED AT ALL NSS WITHIN 24 MONTHS AFTER THE AGREEMENT
ENTERS INTO FORCE, AND -- PRESUMABLY ALLUDING TO THE
QUESTION OF TREATY DURATION -- STATED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE
TO BE CONSIDERED AFTER OTHER KEY ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED.
FINALLY, HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET DEL HAD NOT CHANGED ITS
POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ARRAY STATIONS. JOHNSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENTS, TEXT, LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY, NEGOTIATIONS, ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978GENEVA12652
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X3
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780338-1198
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780850/aaaabpgg.tel
Line Count: 122
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e6fb6f61-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1700632
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: NSS WORKING GROUP MEETING AUGUST 17, 1978 -- AGREEMENT ON BRACKETED COMPOSITE TEXT OF ARTICLE I OF SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT.
TAGS: PARM, US, UK, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e6fb6f61-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014